Call for Papers: “Borders and Cross-Cultural Encounters”
March 1-2, 2019
Deadline for submissions: December 15, 2019
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Chris Lippard, University of Utah

The Southwest English Symposium (SWES) is a regional humanities conference held annually at Arizona State University. The conference provides graduate and advanced undergraduate students with an opportunity to present original scholarship before an interdisciplinary audience. We encourage proposals from a diverse range of disciplines within the humanities and other disciplines.

The theme for the 24th Southwest English Symposium is “Borders and Cross-Cultural Encounters.” We cordially invite everyone to submit proposals. The symposium is an ideal venue for presenting seminar papers and current research projects. Possible topics might include:

- Immigration, migration, and diaspora
- Interdisciplinary studies
- Genre, narrative theory, and their nuances and flexibility
- Analog and digital borders
- Science and the Humanities
- International capitalism, nationalism, and nativism
- Cosmopolitanism, transatlantic studies, and expatriation
- Tourism and the travel memoir
- Translation and adaptation studies
- National borders and map-making
- Life, death, and the afterlife
- Animal Studies
- Posthumanism

Though this is an “English” conference, our theme and interest in interdisciplinary work means we will be considering abstracts from and dealing with topics related to:

- Film & Media Studies
- Rhetoric, Composition, Technical Writing, Communications, Journalism
- Religious Studies, History, Geography
- Anthropology, Folklore Studies
- Sociology, Psychology
- Foreign Languages and Literature
- Fine and Performative Art

We invite abstracts for 15-20 minute presentations, with a 10-15 minute Q&A session following. Submit your proposal or any questions to swes.asu@gmail.com. Please see our website for more information: http://swesatasu.wixsite.com/home/.

The email should also include the following:
- A subject line reading “SWES 2019 Abstract” followed by your name and institution
- Title of the presentation
- Attached abstract (.doc, .docx or .pdf, please) of 200-250 words in length
- Author(s) name(s)
- School attended by author(s)